

REMARKS

The final Office Action of April 27, 2004 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-19 are canceled and new claims 20-31 have been added.

The indication that claim 16 is allowable if rewritten in independent form is appreciated. Accordingly, claim 16 has been rewritten as new claim 20. Claim 20 combines the elements of claims 14, 15, and 16 as required by the Office Action; thus claim 16 is allowable.

New dependent claims correspond to dependent claims 19, 3, 4, and 6-13 respectively. Since claim 20 is allowable, dependent claims 21-31, which require the elements of claim 20, are allowable as well.

No new issues are raised by this amendment since no rejections were made over claim 16. Rejections over the prior art of claims 1-14 and 17-19 are moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, withdrawal of the instant rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is required for this submission. If any fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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